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Citizens Encouraged to Participate in 2010 Salisbury Fair Housing Survey

Salisbury, NC – September 28, 2010_The City of Salisbury is currently providing opportunity for citizens to offer feedback and opinions regarding local fair housing compliance. The 2010 Salisbury Fair Housing survey is available to citizens in print format and also accessible online to Internet users. The survey is being conducted in conjunction with the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Study, a Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) requirement for municipal receipt of Federal community development funds. The study examines fair housing laws, barriers to housing choice, and evaluates the potential level of housing discrimination within a community.

Mayor Susan Kluttz, speaking on behalf of the Salisbury City Council shares, “I encourage all citizens to participate in this survey. Community feedback is an integral part of this study as we analyze our local housing needs, determine the availability to housing for our citizens, and strive to ensure that fair housing is attainable for all.” Citizens may obtain a printed copy of the 2010 Fair Housing Survey by contacting City of Salisbury Senior Planner Janet Gapen at 704-638-5230 or via email at jgapen@salisburync.gov. Printed copies are also available on the first floor of the City Office Building, 132 N. Main Street, in the Customer Service Center. Citizens may choose to participate in the online version of the survey by accessing the City of Salisbury webpage at www.salisburync.gov and by clicking the link entitled “Fair Housing Survey 2010” under the heading of “Highlights.”

Gapen offers that the goal of the study is to determine whether barriers and public policies may limit citizen access to housing. She shares, “Citizen feedback is an essential element of this study and residents are encouraged to offer their own personal experiences in dealing with local housing practices.” Gapen explains that the survey consists of 25 questions and takes less than ten minutes to complete. “All responses and comments are completely anonymous and citizen participation is both valued and appreciated.”

Individuals with questions or concerns regarding the 2010 Salisbury Fair Housing Survey or the Analysis of Impediments to Fair Housing Study may contact Senior Planner Janet Gapen at 704-638-5230. The City of Salisbury is an equal opportunity employer with over 180 different job classifications and more than 400 full-time positions. For more information regarding the City of Salisbury and its services and departments, please visit

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